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NEW ECO-TOURISM POLICY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monitoring committee set up by the National Tiger Conservation Authority has come up with a new eco-tourism policy to restrict movement of tourists and construction activities in and around the tiger reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the new eco-tourism policy is likely to protect tigers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted a Committee,whose mandate, interalia, includes providing inputs for an ecotourism strategy to benefit fringe dwelling local people and relocated villagers.

(c) The new guidelines would be in conformity with the Tiger Task Force recommendations for strengthening tiger conservation in the country.